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KWMU St. Louis Public Radio - Who are the players in the West Lake and Bridgeton landfill sagas? - 11/19/15 - Surrounding homeowners, with support from some politicians, are calling once again for the radioactive material to be moved. The controversy is heating up as the region heads to a likely hot 2016 election year, which has heightened some of the rhetoric and the stakes.
<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/who-are-players-west-lake-and-bridgeton-landfill-sagas>

KMOV Channel 4 St. Louis - Fact vs Fiction: Coldwater Creek vs. West Lake Landfill - 11/24/15 - conflation of facts between the West Lake Landfill and Coldwater Creek may be helping to fuel fears about the landfill. <http://www.kmov.com/story/30599729/fact-vs-fiction-coldwater-creek-vs-west-lake-landfill>

Missouri Times - DNR directed to identify projects to be funded with ASARCO funds - 11/24/15 - Gov. Jay Nixon was in St. Francois County Tuesday touring former lead mining areas. The tour comes with a directive toward the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to identify local projects that would benefit from ASARCO settlement funds. <http://themissouritimes.com/24565/gov-nixon-directs-missouri-department-of-natural-resources-to-identify-restoration-projects-to-be-funded-through-asarco-settlement/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Nixon signals action on lead cleanups - 11/25/15 - Even after Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon made a special stop Tuesday to see the Big River access that St. Francois County hopes to turn into a park, Patrick Mullins is worried the money won't follow. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/state-and-regional/nixon-signals-action-on-lead-cleanups/article_16bd673d-2b76-54cc-9a59-820bcf9091eb.html

Park Hills (Mo.) Daily Journal - Governor makes stop at Bone Hole project - 11/25/15 - Gov. Jay Nixon made a quick visit to the southeast part of the state Tuesday afternoon to tour two areas in St. Francois and Madison counties that are potential projects to be paid from the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO) settlement funds. http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/governor-makes-stop-at-bone-hole-project/article_ea4a2b47-6966-5d82-994f-7568742e94bd.html

Office of Missouri Governor (release) - Gov. Nixon directs Missouri Department of Natural Resources to identify restoration projects to be funded through ASARCO settlement - 11/24/15 - Gov. Jay Nixon has directed the Department of Natural Resources in its role as a Missouri Trustee Council member to identify restoration projects in areas of southeast Missouri damaged by decades of lead contamination. <https://governor.mo.gov/news/archive/gov-nixon-directs-missouri-department-natural-resources-identify-restoration-projects>

MyMoinfo - 2015 Governor in Madison and St. Francois County - 11/25/15 - Governor Jay Nixon was in Madison and St. Francois counties Wednesday to review potential lead mining restoration projects, touring the Fredericktown City Lake and then visited Bone Hole on the Big River near Desloge. <http://www.mymoinfo.com/NOV-25-2015-GOVERNOR-IN-MADISON-AND-ST-FRANCOIS-CO/22214407>

The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa) - Climax Molybdenum public hearing is anti-climatic — permit will not address complaints about air quality - 11/24/15 - The second public hearing on the Climax Molybdenum Title V air quality permit was another airing of citizen complaints that sulfur dioxide emissions are making them sick. However, yet again, the Iowa DNR remained unmoved. http://www.thehawkeye.com/news/local/climax-molybdenum-public-hearing-is-anti-climatic-permit-will-not/article_a1350bff-59bd-5f35-a322-2b67b2f93c78.html

Iowa Farmer Today - Timing, nutrients, environment factor into fertilizing decision - 11/25/15 - With the wide variety of farming operations and soil types in the Midwest, farmers need to answer a few important questions when contemplating manure fertilizer: When are the best times of the year to apply and what are the key factors in this decision? <http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/timing-nutrients->

environment-factor-into-fertilizing-decisions/article_b7f22368-92cd-11e5-aaea-cb69556ac61b.html

Scientific American (opinion) - Gina McCarthy: The U.S. Can Lead the World to a Climate Agreement - 11/24/15 - Countries around the world are closer than ever to consensus on the imperative to act globally. The convergence of attitudes has come by necessity. For all of us, climate change is no longer just an environmental problem—it's a pressing matter of public health, safety, economics and national security. <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-u-s-can-lead-the-world-to-a-climate-agreement/>

Des Moines Register - Bakken pipeline would be bored under Mississippi River - 11/24/15 - The proposed Bakken oil pipeline would be tunneled underneath the Mississippi River while crossing from southeast Iowa's Lee County into Illinois, a senior project engineer told state regulators Tuesday. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/24/bakken-pipeline-would-bored-under-mississippi-river/76302780/>

Des Moines Register (opinion) - Editorial: Waste not, want not this Thanksgiving - 11/24/15 - Before we rush to the supermarket and give thanks for the bounty, let's vow to waste less of what we put in our shopping carts and on our plates. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/11/24/editorial-waste-not-want-not-thanksgiving/76330134/>

The Hill (blog) - A cleaner, more energy-efficient future -- maybe - 11/25/15 - We are on the threshold of technological advances in electricity that have the potential to profoundly change our lives and significantly reduce carbon emissions. For it to happen, however, we must overhaul an outdated regulatory structure and replace it with a system that encourages experimentation and product development by a multitude of players within a vibrant, robust marketplace. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/261120-a-cleaner-more-energy-efficient-future-maybe>

The Hill (blog) - An inflection point in climate politics - 11/24/15 - With the critical international climate talks in Paris almost upon us, a look at recent political news suggests we are at an inflection point in climate politics that could have far-reaching implications for the 2016 elections and beyond. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/261219-an-inflection-point-in-climate-politics>

Reuters - EPA expected to raise mandates for biofuels - 11/25/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is widely expected to increase requirements for biofuels use through 2016 due to higher total fuel demand, when it publishes a final Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) rule in the coming days, sources said. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-expected-to-raise-mandates-for-biofuels/article_1ab9cfcf-9c3b-5ac5-8a6b-20ea59841b2a.html

Phys.org - New step towards producing cheap and efficient renewable fuels - 11/25/15 - A significant advance has been made in the potential to produce renewable fuels from excess atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂), with the discovery of a cheap and efficient catalyst with which to carry out this process. <http://phys.org/news/2015-11-cheap-efficient-renewable-fuels.html>

BNA - Environmental Groups Seek to Defend Ozone Standards - 11/24/15 - A coalition of four environmental and public health organizations want to help defend the Environmental Protection Agency's recently revised national ozone standards from lawsuits brought by industry groups and state. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=79630848&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0h5w9h3u7&split=0

Bloomberg - The Climate Talks in Paris Might Actually Work This Time - 11/25/15 - United Nations climate talks set to begin in Paris next week promise to produce a landmark deal that has eluded diplomats for more than two decades. All of the Group of 20 nations, including the biggest developing countries have prepared to limit emissions into the next decade. Plunging costs for wind and solar power mean alternatives to fossil fuels are more viable. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-11-25/how-the-rise-of-renewables-brings-a-fix-for-climate-ever-closer>

Standoff Over Climate Study

Washington Post - Standoff over government climate study provokes national uproar by scientists - 11/24/15 - A top House lawmaker's confrontation with government researchers over a groundbreaking climate change study is provoking a national backlash from scientists, who say his campaign represents the most serious threat Congress has posed to scientific freedom. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/federal-eye/wp/2015/11/24/standoff-over-government-climate-study-provokes-national-uproar-by-scientists/>

Washington Post - NOAA chief tells lawmaker: No one will 'coerce the scientists who work for me' - 11/24/15 - The Obama administration is continuing to resist efforts by a top House Republican to gain access to the internal deliberations of federal scientists who authored a groundbreaking global warming study the lawmaker is investigating. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/federal-eye/wp/2015/11/24/noaa-chief-to-lawmaker-on-climate-change-inquiry-i-will-not-allow-anyone-to-coerce-the-scientists-who-work-for-me/>

Washington Post - New study finds 'no substantive evidence' of a global warming 'pause' - 11/24/15 - Even as Lamar Smith (R-Tx.), chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, continues to investigate a high profile study from federal scientists debunking the idea of a global warming slowdown or "pause," a new study reaches the same conclusion — in a different yet complementary way. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/11/24/yet-another-study-debunks-the-global-warming-pause/>

American Association for the Advancement of Science (release) - AAAS Leads Coalition to Protest Climate Science Inquiry - 11/14/15 - AAAS and a half-dozen other leading scientific organizations on Tuesday expressed "grave concern" about a Congressional inquiry that has unfoundedly called into question the integrity of federal scientists whose research, published in Science, seemed to debunk claims of a global-warming slowdown or "hiatus." <http://www.aaas.org/news/aaas-leads-coalition-protest-climate-science-inquiry>

GreenBiz - Top science committee Democrat accuses GOP lawmaker of new low in climate feud - 11/20/15 - The top Democrat on the House Science Committee on Thursday assailed Chairman Lamar Smith's assertion that a groundbreaking global warming study was rushed to publication by federal scientists as an "after-the-fact attempt to justify a fishing expedition." <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/federal-eye/wp/2015/11/20/top-science-committee-democrat-accuses-gop-lawmaker-of-new-low-in-climate-feud/>

Science American - NOAA Climate Science Probe: Cover-up or "Weapon of Mass Distraction"? - 11/24/15 - In the past month, congressional Republicans have subpoenaed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to gain access to the private documents and emails of scientists involved in a landmark climate change study to look for evidence of alleged wrongdoing. <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/noaa-climate-science-probe-cover-up-or-weapon-of-mass-distraction/>

Slate (blog) - Rep. Lamar Smith Continues His Harassment of Scientists - 11/23/15 - The saga of The Man in Congress in Charge of Science but Who Doesn't Understand It continues. For those new to this, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas—chairman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee—doesn't think global warming is real. He thinks it's a huge conspiracy by climate scientists who fudge the data to make it look like the planet is heating up, because Obama. I wish I were being hyperbolic. But this is literally true. http://www.slate.com/blogs/bad_astronomy/2015/11/23/lamar_smith_harassment_of_scientists_continues.html

U.S. News & World Report - Lamar Smith Is Hot and Bothered About Climate Science - 11/23/15 - Lamar Smith is using new authority to question federal scientists on climate change. Some see a bit of a parallel between the Soviet-style intimidation and a recent campaign in the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, where Chairman Lamar Smith has pressed forward with a probe questioning the processes and findings of a federal scientific agency – one that has led critics to accuse the Texas Republican of abusing his power and to warn of a chilling effect on further scientific research. <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2015/11/23/lamar-smith-is-hot-about-noaas-climate-science>

Inside Climate - There Was No Global Warming 'Hiatus,' 40-Study Review Concludes - 11/24/15 - Another scientific analysis has debunked the theory that global warming stalled 15 years ago. A similar finding by U.S. government scientists is at the center of a months-long probe led by Texas Republican Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House science committee.

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/24112015/no-global-warming-hiatus-review-concludes-climate-change-lamar-smith-noaa>

Inside Climate - Congresswoman Defends NOAA Scientists From Lamar Smith 'Witch Hunt' -
11/23/15 - Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson sends Lamar Smith, chair of the House science committee, a blistering critique of his 'ideological crusade.' <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/22112015/ranking-congresswoman-defends-NOAA-climate-change-scientists-from-witch-hunt-lamar-smith>